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     IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA.
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                           CIVIL DIVISION
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      CHRISTINE BIROS, an Individual,
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                       Plaintiff,
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                VS.
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      DENISE SCHUR, Executrix of the
      ESTATE OF ALEX SCHUR;
                                         ) No. 4886 of 2017
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      HENRY L. MOORE and SUSAN STANO,
      Co-Executors of the ESTATE OF
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      NICHOLAS SCHUR;
      KATHLEEN S. WALTER, Executer of
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      the ESTATE OF MICHAEL SCHUR;
      CYNTHIA SARRIS, Administrator
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      of the ESTATE OF ANN SARRIS and
      U LOCK, INC., a Pennsylvania
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      Corporation
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                       Defendants.
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                      HEARD: April 29, 2019
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                         HONORABLE HARRY F. SMAIL, JR.
                BEFORE:
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                         NON-JURY TRIAL
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                       APPEARANCES
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    On behalf of the Plaintiff:
               William E. Otto, Esquire
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    On behalf of the Defendant U Lock, Inc:
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                J. Allen Roth, Esquire
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    On behalf of D. Schur, H. Moore, S. Stano, C. Sarris:
                Dennis DelCotto, Esquire
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    On behalf of Kathleen Walter:
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                John Tumolo, Esquire
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    As Co-Administrator for the Est. Of N. Schur:
                Henry L. Moore, Esquire
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1 April 29, 2019 - 10:44 A.M. 2 PROCEEDINGS * * * 3 THE COURT: Call the case with regard to 4 5 Christine Biros, Plaintiff, versus Denise Schur, 6 Executrix of the Estate of Alex Schur; Henry L. Moore 7 and Susan Stano, Co-Executors of the Estate of Nicholas 8 Schur; Kathleen S. Walter, Executor of the Estate of 9 Michael Schur; Cynthia Sarris, Administrator of the 10 Estate of Ann Sarris; and U Lock, Incorporated, a 11 Pennsylvania Corporation, Defendants, at Case No. 4886 12 of 2017. 13 Will counsel please enter your appearance 14 for the record? 15 MR. OTTO: Good morning, Your Honor. 16 William Otto, attorney for plaintiff. 17 MR. ROTH: Allen Roth on behalf of 18 Defendant U Lock. 19 MR. DELCOTTO: Dennis DelCotto on behalf 20 Denise Schur, Executrix of Alex Schur, Henry L. Moore 21 and Susan Stano. They are actually Co-Administrators 22 d.b.a., c.t.n., Your Honor, of the Estate of Nicholas 23 The Estate of Cynthia Sarris, Administrator of 2.4 the Estate for Ann Sarris. 25 MR. TUMOLO: John Tumolo on behalf of the

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    Estate of Michael Schur, Kathleen S. Walter.
                   MR. MOORE: Your Honor, Henry L. Moore.
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     I am the co-administrator d.b.n., c.t.a., for the Estate
    of Nicholas Schur.
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                   THE COURT: Are all counsel ready to
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    proceed?
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                              Yes, Your Honor.
                   MR. OTTO:
                   THE COURT: Attorney Otto, you may call
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    your first witness.
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                   MR. MOORE: Pardon me, Your Honor.
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    Prior --
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                   THE COURT: Or would you like to do
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    opening statements?
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                   MR. MOORE: I would like to make a motion
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    before we begin if that's all right?
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                   THE COURT: That's fine.
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                   MR. MOORE: The motion I would like to
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    make, Your Honor, is in regard to the four estates
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     involved in the case that ensure Executrix of the Estate
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    of Alex Schur, myself, Henry L. Moore, and Susan Stano
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    Co-Executors in the Estate of Nicholas Shur, Kathleen S.
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    Walter, Executor of the Estate of Michael Schur, and
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    Cynthia Sarris, Administrator of the Estate of Ann
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    Sarris. Based on plaintiff's complaint and the numerous
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     filings in the case, it's come to our attention that
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what plaintiff's relief claim request of the four-party-defendant estate, and I quote, wherefore Plaintiff Christine Biros prays this Honorable Court entered an order in favor of Plaintiff Christine Biros, compelling Defendant Owners to convey the simple title to the property by deed to Plaintiff Christine Biros. At this time, all four estates are willing to issue an executor deed, a fiduciary deed, up through the date of the original closing July 16th, 2015, in the name of Christine Biros in an offer to implead them into the court so that whatever party prevails, the deeds are available for recordation after vou render verdict. And we ask to be dismissed as additional party defendants since that is what plaintiff has requested us to do. MR. TUMOLO: I would also add to that that there's been no cross claim filed. THE COURT: So you withdraw the --MR. TUMOLO: There were none. MR. MOORE: There are none filed. THE COURT: Oh, there are none filed. Okay. Your Honor, the only objection MR. OTTO: my client might have with that is not related to the

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motion that the estates have made, but specifically to the deeds, the date of the deeds. Since my client has had no possession or access to the property, the issue of back taxes and liability related to the property is at issue. Fundamentally, my client is not opposed to letting the estates out of the case provided they deliver the deeds with blank dates that the Court could then in its verdict establish. THE COURT: With regard to the outstanding taxes, are you looking for a contribution from the estates in any form or fashion? MR. OTTO: We are looking for contribution. My client feels very strongly that she shouldn't have to pay any of it. As a practical matter, there's a question of whether the Defendant U Lock has any assets other than the property itself. Is there some counterproposal THE COURT: you would make to their motion to be relieved as parties to this action? MR. OTTO: We have already discussed the possibility of them making a payment of \$10,000 towards the back taxes. We would accept that. THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Roth, position with regard to the other three defendants? MR. ROTH: From our perspective, Your

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Honor, them being out of the case would not bother us.
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    That would be fine.
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                   THE COURT:
                               Okay. Therefore, the Court
    will grant the motion, and the estates --
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                   MR. ROTH: Excuse me, Your Honor. May I
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    interrupt you? My client is whispering in my ear that
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    he does object to them being released from the ...
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                   THE COURT: Well, do you want to take a
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    minute and we can go off the record and you can speak
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    outside if you like?
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                   MR. ROTH: Sure. Give me just one
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    moment.
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                   THE COURT: Go ahead. We will go off the
    record and everybody can speak.
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     (OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION.)
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                   THE COURT: Let's go back on the record.
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                   Mr. Roth?
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                   MR. ROTH: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Snyder
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    has indicated to me that there are other shareholders
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    involved in this corporation, and those shareholders
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    have not been consulted about this. Therefore, he would
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    object to them being released.
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                   MR. MOORE: Your Honor, during our
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    intermission I had an opportunity to speak with
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    plaintiff's counsel. Since plaintiff's counsel, the
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moving party, has requested that we provide the deeds --
in this case implead those deeds to the Court, we would
also be willing that currently I believe -- and it's not
a matter of record -- but approximately $13,000 in back
taxes are owed on the property as it now stands.
four additional party defendant estates are not only to
implead the deeds to the Court in the next two weeks, we
are also willing to pay $10,000 as consideration towards
the back taxes. And I believe plaintiff's counsel
indicated they would be fine with that.
              THE COURT: Anybody else from the
estates?
              MR. TUMOLO: We concur, Your Honor,
because at that point we would have done everything
that's been asked by the plaintiff for us to do and
there is no cross claim within the request for the
relief.
              THE COURT: Attorney for the plaintiff,
anything further?
              MR. OTTO: No, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: At this time, I am going to
grant the motion. With regard to Denise Schur,
Executrix of the Estate of Alex Schur; Henry L. Moore
and Susan Stano, Co-Executors of the Estate of Nicholas
Schur; Kathleen S. Walter, Executor of the Estate of
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Michael Schur; Cynthia Sarris, Administrator of the Estate of Ann Sarris are hereby granted relief and removed from the caption and out of the case with the requirement that deeds be impleaded and delivered to the Court no later than May the 13th of 2019 in such a fashion that their interest is removed, and the deeds will be made blank as to how they will be executed for the purposes of the parties by determination of the Court at the conclusion of said trial. They will also deliver to plaintiff's counsel, William Otto, a check in the amount of \$10,000 to be utilized for back taxes of what appears to be an outstanding balance of approximately \$13,000 in outstanding back taxes. They will be -- those funds will be submitted for the purpose of payment on an immediate basis upon receipt. MR. OTTO: Yes, Your Honor. MR. MOORE: One question for clarification. The deeds that would come from the four estates, all of them would be not dated? Will they still be made out to Christine Biros only, or do you actually want the grantee left blank? THE COURT: I think until we finish the trial, the grantee should be left blank as well. MR. OTTO: Your Honor, I ask that the

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defendants remain in the court during the pendency of
the trial just in case I need to call, for instance,
Mr. Moore. I do have plans to call him.
              MR. MOORE: We have no objection to that,
Your Honor.
                          Therefore, counsel for the
              THE COURT:
estates will remain for the duration of the trial.
              MR. DELCOTTO: I have one question,
though, Your Honor. I have prepared the deeds over the
weekend in anticipation of what we are doing.
e-mail them to everyone but one who does not communicate
with me by e-mail. I don't foresee a problem with the
ten days, but in the event that you were on vacation or
something like that, could we apply to the court --
              MR. OTTO:
                        No objection to that. I know
that can be a little bit --
              THE COURT: Any objection pushing it out
to May the 20th?
              MR. ROTH:
                         No objection.
              THE COURT: Okay. Therefore, we will
move it to May the 20th instead of May the 13th.
will allow you three full weeks of time. I don't want
to see this get delayed too much further than that
because this is a 2017 case. We are already two and a
half years into it.
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MR. DELCOTTO: I will make every effort 1 2 to have it in within ten days, Your Honor. 3 MR. MOORE: Your Honor, not to belabor the point, should we wait until the Court renders a 4 5 decision as to who is the victor before we e-mail those 6 out, or do we put the actual name on the --7 Well, you are asking to be THE COURT: 8 relieved and removed from the case, so therefore your interest, with all due respect, is -- has been granted 9 10 as removed. The position and posture of the case is it 11 should be left blank with the execution of your parties 12 and submitted to the Court by May the 20th. At that point in time, in accordance with whatever outcome order 13 of court or opinion this Court makes, the deeds will 14 15 then be then filled in with regard to the grantor and 16 grantees with respect to the deeds. 17 18 Very good. Thank you. MR. MOORE: 19 THE COURT: At this time, Mr. Otto, your 20 first witness? Your Honor, Mr. Roth --21 MR. OTTO: 22 I have one thing before we MR. ROTH: 23 start. This goes back to what I argued on Friday. 2.4 THE COURT: You have a motion? 25 MR. ROTH: Yes, a motion that I argued on

1 Friday, which you already denied. I think I need something on the record to show we are asking that we 2 3 continue the trial. THE COURT: Do you want to elaborate 4 5 further why you believe that's appropriate? 6 MR. ROTH: First of all, there was 7 outstanding pleadings in the case. 8 THE COURT: What are those exactly? 9 MR. ROTH: Well those outstanding 10 pleadings were by the other defendants, and they just 11 issued an answer with new matter and nobody responded to 12 the new matter and it's only been about a week since that happened. I don't think the pleadings are 13 14 complete. Therefore, we would ask that the case be 15 continued because of that. 16 In addition to that, no certificate of 17 readiness was issued in this case by the plaintiff, and 18 therefore we don't believe that the trial should begin 19 without us being able to answer the certificate of 20 readiness. Therefore, we ask that the trial be 21 continued. 22 THE COURT: My understanding is there is 23 a new matter out there in the pleadings? 24 MR. DELCOTTO: There was new matter, but 25 we didn't even endorse a full response, Your Honor.

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basically attached the agreement of sale. The reason that wasn't filed until then is there were outstanding preliminary objections as to removal of --THE COURT: Sir, you are going to have to put your cell phone away. We are in the middle of a trial. MR. G. SNYDER: I was just looking at the time. I'm sorry. MR. DELCOTTO: We withdrew the preliminary objections, Your Honor. At that point we were free to file the answer and we did. There is really no responses required, especially since we are not involved in the case. MR. OTTO: Your Honor, after our argument here on Friday, I filed an answer to the new matter. comment to Mr. Roth's motion is that we had an argument on the 29th of March, which Mr. Roth was not present The following Monday, I filed a praecipe for trial. You issued an order on April 4th. Even with that, he had more than three weeks to file a response prior to today and waited until the Monday prior to last week. You know, if it was really that critical that he get discovery, he could have done discovery a long time ago and he could have raised these matters right after the issuance of the order.

1 THE COURT: Prior to this most recent 2 exchange, discovery was essentially closed for months. 3 Is that my understanding? MR. OTTO: Mine was completed in 4 5 February. My discovery was sent out in December or 6 January and Mr. Roth responded in February. I never did 7 any depositions. I might have had the opportunity 8 arisen, but I have no problem with where we are right 9 now, no. He certainly had the opportunity in the one 10 document he cited on Friday that he really didn't have 11 was actually attached to my answer and new matter that I 12 filed in October of last near. 13 THE COURT: Any response to either 14 statements made by the attorneys? 15 MR. ROTH: No response, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: The Court, in consistency 17 with the situation on Friday, is denying the motion with 18 prejudice. We will now proceed into trial. I will 19 execute this order in denial with prejudice as I did the 20 order on Friday. The motion is denied. 21 At this time, counsel, you may call your first witness. 22 23 MR. OTTO: May I make an opening 24 statement, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. That's

1 fine. This is actually a simple case 2 MR. OTTO: 3 made confusing by the actions of Defendant U Lock. Simply stated, four estates agreed to sell real estate. 4 5 They entered into an agreement of sale when the 6 individual represented himself as the incorporator of a 7 to-be-formed company. There were a number of delays on 8 the closing date. My client, Christine Biros, was asked 9 by her brother to loan the purchase price for the 10 purchase. And despite request for documentation prior 11 to the closing, she was only given lip service. 12 Finally, one or two days prior to closing, she was informed that the money was necessary 13 14 immediately. She scrambled around trying to get 15 together bank checks in the amount of \$309,213.30. 16 the closing date before going into the closing, she made 17 a last request for documentation, which was provided by 18 a purported director of U Lock. After the closing, she 19 spent over a year and a half asking for repayment and got only lip service again. Finally, this lawsuit 20 21 resulted. 22 She learned at the time of the conveyance 23 U Lock had not been formed as a corporation. Under 24 Pennsylvania law, the deeds are void ab initio. 25 Therefore, the estate still owned the property at the

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time our complaint was filed. Ms. Biros's claim is based on simple principles. She paid the entire purchase price and that went directly from her to the estates without going through U Lock. The estate still owned the property at the time the complaint was filed, but the estates were obligated to convey to whoever paid them for it. U Lock never made any effort to fulfil their obligations to Ms. Biros. And Ms. Biros has an X-amount claim to the real estate. Although purported corrective deeds were filed in March of 2018, Your Honor, they're subject by the language of the deeds to lis pendens and are ineffectual against Ms. Biros's higher claim of equitable title. At this time, Mr. Roth, would THE COURT: you like to make an opening statement? MR. ROTH: Sure. THE COURT: Okav. MR. ROTH: Defendant U Lock became a corporation. They attempted to become a corporation beginning on the day before the actual closing on the They followed through and did become a events here. corporation. We believe that that's a de facto corporation, and therefore the Court should recognize U Lock as a de facto corporation.

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As a result of that, U Lock made a loan from Ms. Biros, and they got the loan. Those loan proceeds were used to purchase this property in U Lock's name. THE COURT: Not to interrupt your opening statement, but did they become a corporation the day before the closing, or they started the process? MR. ROTH: They did it online and filed That's what they did and that's what you it online. will hear in the testimony. THE COURT: Okay. They later completed becoming MR. ROTH: a corporation. That's why we believe they are in fact a de facto corporation. Introduce you to that, this was actually a loan from Ms. Biros to U Lock or to the owners of U Lock. What they did with the money was purchase land. We don't believe they have a claim to that land because they have claim to their money. They would be entitled to sue to get their money back because they are entitled to that money, but I don't believe -- they have no interest in this land. They never had any interest in the land. Therefore, they should have no right to take the land as to what they believe they should get, and that's our position.

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                                Thank you very much. At this
                    THE COURT:
     time, Mr. Otto, are you ready to proceed?
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                    MR. OTTO:
                               I am, Your Honor.
                    THE COURT: Who do you want to call?
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                    MR. OTTO: I call Henry Moore, please.
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                    THE COURT: If you will raise your right
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    hand to be sworn.
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    HENRY L. MOORE, having been
     first duly sworn, was examined
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    and testified as follows:
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                    THE COURT: Thank you. You may take the
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    witness stand. Once he is situated, you may proceed.
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                               Thank you, Your Honor.
                    MR. OTTO:
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. OTTO:
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    Q.
                Good morning, Mr. Moore.
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    Α.
                Good morning.
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                What's your position in this case?
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                I am the Co-Administrator c.t.a., d.b.n., of
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    the Estate of Nicholas Schur.
                Were you at the, what I'll call, exchange of
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     deeds and dollars of July 16th of 2015?
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1 Α. I was. 2 Q. I would like to show you some checks. 3 MR. OTTO: Your Honor, I would like to mark this as Exhibit P-1. 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. 6 BY MR. OTTO: 7 Do you recognize those checks? 0. 8 Α. Yes. 9 Q. And what do they represent? 10 These were the funds that were paid to 11 Mr. DelCotto and I at closing. To clarify my previous 12 answer, I do believe one of those checks I did not 13 actually see. That would be the check that Mr. Tumolo 14 actually closed prior to us getting there. So I 15 physically -- three checks I saw. I did not see -- the 16 Kathleen Walters check; is that correct? Right. The 17 other three checks I did see and I was there at the 18 closing. Those three checks I did see. 19 Okay. Do you see the name of U Lock anywhere Q. 20 on those checks? 21 Α. I do not. 22 Were the estates fully paid? Q. 23 Α. We were. 2.4 Now, in Mr. Roth's opening he said that 0. 25 U Lock was a de facto corporation. Did you have any

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     reason to question whether U Lock had been incorporated
    properly or not?
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                And you are an attorney at law; is that
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    correct?
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                I'm going to show you two documents.
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                    MR. OTTO: Your Honor, I would like to
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    mark these Exhibit P-2 and P-3 respectively. Your
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    Honor, that's P-2.
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                    THE COURT: Okay.
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    BY MR. OTTO:
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                Not that you would have seen this document
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    before, but have you seen similar filings?
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    Α.
                Yes.
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                In essence, what does it say? Please take a
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    moment.
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                Basically your Subsection 103, your filing
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     lacks the specific brief statement of businesses. Refer
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     to the proper paragraph on the docketing statement.
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                    MR. OTTO: Your Honor, this is Exhibit
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    P-3.
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                    THE COURT:
                                Okay.
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    BY MR. OTTO:
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                What is that?
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1 Α. It's a creation of a corporation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pedro Cortez. 2 3 And what does it say in the second and third 0. paragraph? 4 5 Creation filing filed September 4th of '15. Α. 6 Would you disagree with me if I said the two 0. 7 documents indicate that U Lock filed -- attempted to 8 file articles of incorporation which were rejected, and then finally filed effective articles of incorporation 9 on September 4th, 2015? 10 11 Α. I would agree with that. 12 MR. OTTO: Thank you. No further -- I do 13 have one. Sorry. 14 Your Honor, I would like to mark this 15 Exhibit P-4. 16 BY MR. OTTO: 17 0. Do you recognize that, Mr. Moore? 18 Α. I do. 19 Q. And what is it? 20 Α. The settlement sheet to the closing. 21 0. Would you look please at line -- it's a 22 little hard to read -- 501 on the right column? 23 Α. Yes. 2.4 0. What is that? 25 Α. Excess deposit.

1 0. How much? Thirty thousand dollars. 2 Α. 3 Okay. Down below it indicates that the 0. sellers were supposed to get \$279,213.30, but in fact 4 5 they got \$309,000. Do you know what happened to the other \$30,000? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 0. What happened? 9 Α. We originally had a -- a \$20,000 deposit was 10 made by the incorporator of U Lock. I believe it was 11 Eric Martin. We had a closing set up at the 12 Westmoreland County Bar Association. On the day of 13 closing, Mr. DelCotto and I appeared. No one from 14 U Lock appeared. So we sat for there about an hour and 15 then we left. 16 At that point in time, I instructed 17 Mr. DelCotto that the deal must have fallen through. No 18 one from U Lock bothered to tell us why they didn't 19 come. At that point Mr. DelCotto subsequently thereto 20 got a hold of someone from U Lock. The only way the 21 deal was resurrected would be I demanded another \$10,000 22 deposit money. So twenty thousand became thirty 23 thousand, and the settlement date was set again for 2.4 July 16th. So that's how twenty thousand became thirty. 25 I believe from my recollection at that time

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    at the request of U Lock, they wished to have that
     $30,000 hand money returned to the incorporator, Eric
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    Martin, and pay us the full amount of the loan, which
    came down to $325,000. Once you minused out the back
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    taxes it came to $309,213.80 or something like that.
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                Based on your understanding of events, did
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    U Lock ever pay anything?
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    Α.
               Not on the first closing. No one appeared.
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    On the date of the second closing, I believe --
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                Let me interrupt you. If they gave you hand
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    money of $30,000 and you returned $30,000 to
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    Mr. Martin --
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                I believe Mr. DelCotto did, yeah. By check.
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                If that's the case, did U Lock pay anything?
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    They advanced $30,000, but they received that back?
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    Α.
                Right. The way you state it, we received
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    full consideration at the time on July 16th.
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                From Ms. Biros?
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    Α.
                She was the remitter of the checks. She was
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    present.
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                   MR. OTTO:
                               Thank you. No further
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    questions, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Cross-examination?
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1	CROSS-EXAMINATION	
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	BY MR. ROTH:	
3	Q. Are you familiar was there sales agreements	
4	prior to the sale happening?	
5	A. Yes.	
6	Q. Who signed those sales agreement?	
7	A. Eric Martin as Incorporator of U Lock.	
8	MR. ROTH: Should we mark this	
9	Defendant's 1?	
10	THE COURT: Well, actually A.	
11	Just a matter of housekeeping, Mr. Otto,	
12	are you moving all four items into evidence at this	
13	time?	
14	MR. OTTO: Yes, Your Honor.	
15	THE COURT: Any objection to plaintiff's	
16	exhibits coming in as evidence?	
17	MR. ROTH: No objection.	
18	THE COURT: There being no objection,	
19	Plaintiff's Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 are so moved into	
20	evidence without objection.	
21	MR. OTTO: Thank you, Your Honor.	
22	BY MR. ROTH:	
23	Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as	
24	Defendant's Exhibit A and ask if you can identify that?	
25	MR. OTTO: Do you have copies?	

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                   MR. ROTH: I don't have any copies.
                   THE COURT: Hold on a second. Let's step
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    out for five minutes then until we get copies. I would
    make five of those. All right. Thank you.
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                   We will come back in five minutes and
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    resume.
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                (PROCEEDINGS RECESSED -- 11:16 A.M.)
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                (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED -- 11:26 A.M.)
                   THE COURT: Mr. Moore, if you will take
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    the stand again.
11
                   Okay, Mr. Roth, we are back on the
12
    record.
13
    BY MR. ROTH:
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                I have handed you a document which is
15
    entitled Defendant's Exhibit A. Are you familiar with
16
    that document?
17
               I am.
    Α.
18
                Is this the sales agreement for the
    0.
19
    transaction that involves the land involved in this
20
    trial?
21
               It is.
    Α.
22
               On that sales agreement, can you tell us who
    Q.
23
    the buyer is?
2.4
               Eric Martin, Incorporator for U Lock,
    Α.
25
     Incorporated.
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                At the time of this transaction, did you
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 2
    have -- at the time that this agreement was signed, did
 3
    you have any idea who Ms. Biros was?
 4
    Α.
                No.
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                So you never met her? You didn't know her?
    0.
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    Α.
                No.
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                You believed you were selling this property
    0.
 8
     to U Lock, Incorporated, via Eric Martin as an
 9
     incorporator?
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    Α.
                Correct.
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                    MR. ROTH: No further questions, Your
12
    Honor.
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                    MR. OTTO: One question on redirect.
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                    THE COURT: You may.
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                       REDIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. OTTO:
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                Mr. Moore, to your recollection, when the
    0.
19
     dates were executed, did you convey them to Eric Martin
    or somebody else?
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21
    Α.
                No. U Lock, Incorporated.
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                    MR. OTTO: Thank you. No further
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    questions.
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                    THE COURT: Based on that redirect, any
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     recross?
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2	RECROSS-EXAMINATION	
3	BY MR. ROTH:	
4	Q. Were you present for the actual closing in	
5	this matter?	
6	A. Yes.	
7	Q. Was Eric Martin at that closing?	
8	A. I don't know who Eric Martin is.	
9	Q. So you don't know him?	
10	A. No.	
11	Q. Were funds there were funds that were	
12	actually paid to you prior to the actual closing in this	
13	case; is that correct?	
14	A. Correct.	
15	Q. And that started at twenty thousand and	
16	increased to thirty thousand I believe was your	
17	testimony?	
18	A. Correct.	
19	Q. And do you know where those funds came from?	
20	A. No.	
21	MR. ROTH: No further questions, Your	
22	Honor.	
23	THE COURT: Based on that, any redirect?	
24	MR. OTTO: I didn't hear Mr. Roth's	
25	question clearly. What was your last question?	

THE COURT: I will tell it to you. There		
were funds actually paid to you prior to the actual		
closing in this case? Correct. That started at twenty		
thousand and increased to thirty thousand I believe was		
your testimony? Those were the two I think the two		
questions. Oh, I'm sorry. And do you know where the		
funds came from? No.		
MR. OTTO: Okay.		
THE COURT: So any redirect?		
MR. OTTO: No further questions.		
THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Roth?		
MR. ROTH: Nothing further.		
THE COURT: Sir, you may stand down.		
Thank you for your testimony.		
At this time, do you wish to move		
Defendant's Exhibit A into evidence?		
MR. ROTH: Please, Your Honor.		
THE COURT: Any objection?		
MR. OTTO: No objection.		
THE COURT: There being no objection, it		
is so moved into evidence and marked as Defendant's		
Exhibit A without objection.		
At this time, next witness?		
MR. OTTO: Call Christine Biros, Your		
Honor.		

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                    THE COURT: Okay.
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     CHRISTINE BIROS, having been
     first duly sworn, was examined
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 5
     and testified as follows:
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 7
                    THE COURT: When you are ready, your
 8
     witness.
 9
                    MR. OTTO:
                               Thank you, Your Honor.
                               * * *
10
11
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
12
     BY MR. OTTO:
13
                Ms. Biros, how did you wind up paying
     Q.
14
     approximately $309,000 to the estate?
15
                My brother asked me to do that. I did it for
     Α.
16
     him.
17
                Would you have loaned money to U Lock on your
     Q.
18
     own?
19
     Α.
                No.
20
     Q.
                Was it for an investment?
21
     Α.
               Not for me, no.
22
                    MR. OTTO: One second. Your Honor, this
23
     is the Exhibit P-5.
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                    THE COURT: Okay.
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     BY MR. OTTO:
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1 Do you recognize this document? 0. 2 Α. I do. 3 How did you come to get this? 0. Before going into the closing, I asked for 4 Α. 5 some sort of quarantee that I would get my money paid 6 back to me from them, being U Lock, Snyders, whoever. Ι 7 wanted to make sure that I was getting paid back. 8 0. Can you read that, please? 9 Α. It says this loan agreement between U Lock, 10 Incorporated, Borrower, a Pennsylvania Corporation and -- I think it says and -- Christine Biros, Lender 11 12 and/or quarantor collateralized from S&T Bank for sum of \$325,316. The terms and condition of the payment will 13 14 be agreed upon on or before 8/16/15. Lender will set 15 terms of agreement if not settled by that date. It is 16 signed by Kash Snyder, Director of U Lock, Incorporated, 17 on 7/16/15. 18 Okay. Let's talk about this situation. 0. July 19 16th, '15 was the closing day; is that correct? 20 Α. It was. 21 Did you come to agreement on the terms before 0. 22 August 16th, 2015? 23 Α. No. 24 Did you attempt to get repaid between then Q. 25 and when you filed this case?

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1 Α. Several times. 2 Q. Did they ever make any payment to you? 3 Α. Not one. Did you advance any further sums to them? 4 0. 5 Five thousand dollars. Α. 6 Why would you do that? Q. 7 To pay the taxes is what I was told on the Α. 8 property. 9 Q. Okay. When you tried to get repaid, who did you talk to and what was his reaction? 10 11 Α. I spoke with George Snyder, Jr. I quess it's 12 junior. 13 Is he in the courtroom? Q. 14 He is. Α. 15 Is that him? 0. 16 That's him. Α. 17 What was his reaction? 0. 18 Give him more time. He just needed more Α. 19 He needed 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, six months. Did anything happen other than delays and 20 Q. 21 more delays? 22 Α. Nothing. Did they ever make a counterproposal? They 23 0. 24 ever offer to pay --25 Α. They never came up with any money if that's

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    what you're asking me. No.
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                   MR. OTTO: No further questions, Your
 3
    Honor.
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                    THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Roth,
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    cross-examination?
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                         CROSS-EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. ROTH:
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               You agree this was a loan to U Lock or to
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    Mr. Snyder, or one of the Snyders; correct?
11
    Α.
                I lent them the money expecting to get paid
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    back; that's right.
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                In fact, you weren't paid back were you?
    Q.
14
               Not one dime.
    Α.
15
               And that's why you filed this lawsuit because
    Q.
16
    you wanted to get paid back?
17
               Yes. But it says I will set the terms and
    Α.
18
    agreement if not settled by that date. That was their
19
    agreement with me.
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    0.
                I understand that. You weren't paid back and
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    you were dissatisfied with that and that's why you are
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    in the courtroom today; correct?
23
    Α.
               Correct. I prefer to have the cash. Do you
2.4
    have it?
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                   THE COURT: Ma'am, you are a witness.
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1 You don't get to ask questions. You only get to hear 2 them and respond to them. 3 Go ahead, Mr. Roth. BY MR. ROTH: 4 5 You sent letters to Mr. Snyder, didn't you? 0. 6 Through my attorney? Α. 7 Actually, I think on your own at one point; 0. 8 is that correct? 9 Α. If I could see it, please? We are going back 10 four years here. 11 I'm going to show you what's been marked as 0. 12 Defendant's Exhibit B and ask if you can identify that? 13 Can I have a minute to read it? Α. 14 0. Sure. Take your time. 15 MR. OTTO: Your Honor, I believe we are 16 willing to stipulate that a letter was given by 17 Ms. Biros to Mr. Snyder in an effort to obtain 18 repayment. 19 THE COURT: Is that stipulated? 20 MR. ROTH: If we can introduce it into 21 evidence? 22 THE COURT: That's fine. 23 MR. ROTH: The one thing -- I was just 2.4 going to asking one question. 25 THE COURT: That's fine. You can still

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    ask her questions. You accept plaintiff's stipulation,
    though, as to the letter being sent from Christine Biros
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    to your client?
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                   MR. ROTH: (Nods head.)
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                   THE COURT: Okay. Stipulation so
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    accepted by the Court.
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                   MR. ROTH: I ask that it be introduced
    into evidence, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Any objection to the letter
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    being introduced?
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                   MR. OTTO: No, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: So moved into evidence and
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    marked as Defendant's Exhibit B and moved into evidence.
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                   Mr. Otto, with regard to Plaintiff's
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    Exhibit No. 5, do you wish to move that into evidence?
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                   MR. OTTO: I do, Your Honor. I
17
    apologize.
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                   THE COURT: Any objection?
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                   MR. ROTH:
                             No objection.
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                   THE COURT:
                               There being no objection,
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    that is also moved into evidence as Plaintiff's Exhibit
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    No. 5 without objection.
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    BY MR. ROTH:
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               Now, this is the letter we are referring to
    Q.
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     is written to George Snyder of U Lock, Incorporated; is
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    that correct?
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    Α.
                He represented U Lock.
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                And immediately under that, you have the item
    Ο.
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     that says Re: Loan from Christine Biros to U Lock,
 5
     Incorporated; is that correct?
 6
    Α.
                Yes.
 7
    0.
                So that means you were treating this as a
     loan the entire time?
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                    MR. OTTO: Objection, Your Honor.
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     already admitted she loaned the money to Defendant
    U Lock.
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                    THE COURT: It's his cross-examination.
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     I am going to overrule the objection. Go ahead and
14
    proceed.
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    BY MR. ROTH:
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    0.
                So you treated it as a loan the entire time;
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    is that correct?
18
    Α.
                Yes.
19
    Q.
                And you went to a closing; is that correct?
20
    Α.
                Yes.
21
                And you supplied some funds at that closing;
    0.
22
     is that right?
23
    Α.
                Yes.
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                And did you see the documents that were being
    Q.
25
    exchanged at that closing?
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1 Α. No. You didn't see any of them? 2 Q. 3 I only saw my checks and that. I didn't Α. see -- I saw Kash Snyder signing documents. That's all 4 5 I saw. Were you familiar with why they were at a 6 Q. 7 closing? Were they getting land? Is that what they 8 were doing? 9 Α. They were purchasing property. 10 0. And you knew they were purchasing property? 11 Α. Yes. 12 And since Mr. Snyder was the one signing the 0. 13 papers, the property was going to Mr. Snyder you 14 I assume you assumed that. assumed? 15 I didn't assume anything at that point. I didn't know who the property was going to. 16 17 0. But you knew the property was not going to 18 You didn't sign any papers that day in order for 19 the property to go to you? 20 Α. That's correct. 21 MR. ROTH: May I have one second, Your 22 Honor? 23 THE COURT: Sure. 24 MR. ROTH: That's all the questions I 25 have, Your Honor.

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Any redirect at this time,
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                   THE COURT:
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    Mr. Otto?
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                   MR. OTTO:
                              No questions, Your Honor.
 4
                                Thank you. Ma'am, if you
                   THE COURT:
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    will pass me that letter up?
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                   MR. OTTO:
                               The other one.
 7
                   THE COURT: The other. Thank you. You
 8
    may stand down and return back to counsel table.
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                   MR. ROTH:
                               Judge, if you want to
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     substitute, I have a better copy -- if you want to
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     substitute this for -- I forget what exhibit it was.
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                                It's already into evidence.
                   THE COURT:
13
     It's already been marked. But we appreciate that.
14
     Thank you.
15
                   At this time, Mr. Otto, next witness?
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                   MR. OTTO: Call Eric Martin, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Okay.
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                   MR. ROTH: Eric Martin is not here, Your
19
     Honor.
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                   MR. OTTO: Your Honor, Mr. Martin is the
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     director of U Lock. He was involved in the transaction.
22
     I informed Mr. Roth on Friday that I wanted him here for
23
    this trial.
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                   THE COURT: Mr. Roth, why isn't he here?
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                   MR. ROTH:
                               I got a request to have him
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present, Your Honor. My client, Mr. Snyder, contacted
him -- tried to contact him to get him in here.
Apparently he works a night shift is what I'm told.
He's not been able to reach him ever since I got the
request to have him here, and I got that on Friday.
              THE COURT:
                         Okay. Mr. Otto, what would
be your offer of proof with regard to Eric Martin?
              MR. OTTO: Several questions, Your Honor.
Mostly related to the $30,000. I wanted to find out
from him what the source was of the $30,000 and to
confirm from him personally that he received repayment
          I have had Mr. Moore testify that the money
of that.
was returned to him, but only Mr. Martin can answer that
auestion.
                          Mr. Roth, would you stipulate
              THE COURT:
that Eric Martin received $30,000 reimbursement funds?
                         Yes, Your Honor. We will
              MR. ROTH:
stipulate to that.
              THE COURT:
                          Would that satisfy your
inquiry?
              MR. OTTO:
                         Yes, Your Honor.
              THE COURT:
                          The Court takes judicial
notice that had Eric Martin appeared for court, that he
did in fact receive back the entire $30,000 in hand
money that was either advanced by him or some other
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individual associated with the then incorporating U Lock, Incorporated. The Court will also take judicial notice at that time it was not incorporated until after September of 2015. MR. OTTO: Thank you, Your Honor. last item that I would have asked for from Mr. Martin, and that is whether he was aware of any other payments that were made on behalf of U Lock towards the purchase price since he paid \$30,000 down and got \$30,000 back. It appears that U Lock did not make any payments at all towards the purchase price. I wanted to confirm that. THE COURT: Mr. Roth? MR. ROTH: We don't confirm what he just U Lock did make the payment, they just got reimbursed. So, yes, they did make a payment towards this purchase price, but they did get reimbursed. I think the way he phrased it THE COURT: was any other payment, that there were none made other than the \$30,000 advanced and then the reimbursed. MR. ROTH: We agree with that. THE COURT: Okay. It's so stipulated then if Eric Martin were here, he would have testified that there were no other payments made outside of the \$30,000 in hand money, which was ultimately reimbursed in its entirety back to him --

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1	MR. OTTO: Thank you.
2	THE COURT: or others associated with
3	the corporation.
4	MR. OTTO: No further questions no
5	other witnesses on direct. I would like to reserve the
6	right to make a closing statement as well as to call
7	witnesses after Mr. Roth's case.
8	THE COURT: You want to keep your case
9	open until that time?
10	MR. OTTO: Yes.
11	THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Roth, at this
12	time, are you prepared to proceed on your case-in-chief?
13	MR. ROTH: Yes. I would like to call
14	Mr. Snyder, please.
15	THE COURT: If you will come around this
16	way.
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18	GEORGE SNYDER, having been
19	first duly sworn, was examined
20	and testified as follows:
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22	THE COURT: You may take the witness
23	stand.
24	Mr. Roth, your witness.
25	* * *

1 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. ROTH: 3 State your name, please. 0. 4 George Snyder. Α. 5 Where do you live, George? 0. 6 150 Leger Road. North Huntington. Α. 7 Are you a person that's been involved in the 0. 8 transactions involving this property that's at question 9 today? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And were you involved in this matter from the 0. 12 very beginning? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Now, the person that we just talked about, 0. 15 Eric Martin, you are familiar with Mr. Martin? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And has Mr. Martin joined with you in Ο. 18 attempting to incorporate U Lock? 19 Α. Yes. 20 When is it that you first tried to Q. 21 incorporate U Lock? 22 Α. I think about six months before the closing. 23 0. Okay. Did you sign a sales agreement to 2.4 purchase this property? 25 Α. Eric, I believe, did as incorporator for

1 U Lock. 2 Did you attempt to incorporate the business 3 prior to him going there to --Α. Yes. 4 5 -- try and purchase the property to sign the 0. 6 sales agreement? 7 Yes. Α. 8 Q. And how did you do that? 9 Α. There were several sales agreements along the way because there were, like I said, a few different 10 extensions. I'm sorry. What's your question? 11 12 Mainly, when did you incorporate with regard Q. 13 to the sequence of events that happened here? When did 14 you attempt to incorporate? 15 The first time we had done it online. I believe Kash and Eric Martin did it online the day 16 17 before the closing. 18 You were involved and talked to them about 0. 19 that because you were one of the incorporators; correct? 20 Α. Yes. 21 When you did that online, did you have any Ο. 22 belief as to whether or not you would be incorporated as 23 a result of doing that? 2.4 We thought it was successful. We thought it Α. 25 was done.

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                Did you determine later that it turned out
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    not to be successful?
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    Α.
                Yes.
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                After you determined it wasn't successful,
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     did you then continue to make the corporation actually
    happen later?
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 7
    Α.
                Yes.
 8
    0.
                Did you get the paperwork?
 9
    Α.
                Yes.
10
                With regard to you purchasing this property,
     0.
     or U Lock purchasing this property, did you have
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12
    discussions with anybody that might be a partner in the
13
    business with you?
14
    Α.
                Yes.
15
                Whom?
    0.
16
    Α.
                John Biros.
17
                Do you know how John Biros is related to the
    Q.
18
    woman that just testified?
19
    Α.
                Yes.
20
    Q.
                How?
21
    Α.
                They are siblings.
22
                When you discussed this with John Biros, did
    Q.
     you and he come up with an agreement -- not a written
23
24
     agreement, but a verbal agreement -- how this was going
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     to happen?
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1 For quite a long time. About a year we Α. 2 agreed verbally to a whole bunch of things. 3 Okay. Tell us what the agreement was between 0. you and him verbally? 4 5 Α. We were -- the property was worth, we feel, 6 substantially more than \$300,000. He approached me one 7 day and said he wanted to be a partner and that his 8 family would put up the money. There was one 9 stipulation. He said he wanted his brother, Andy, 10 involved also. I agreed and said that's not a problem. I knew Andy since I was a kid. I said that's fine. 11 So 12 we were both on board and interested. They thought the terms were fair. I did too. We spent about a year -- I 13 14 think it may have been six months to a year before the 15 closing where we got together and tried to make the 16 closing happen. 17 When it came time to make the purchase, did Q. 18 the brother indicate to you that he wanted you to deal 19 with someone else in his family? Also several months before the closing, 20 Α. 21 Christine and I and John talked about this several times about how they were going to get the money and that sort 22 23 of thing. There were a couple of ways they were going 24 to pursue getting the money. So we talked about that 25 for several months. I met with them approximately --

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    several times a week. But at least every Wednesday I
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    met with them for a year.
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               Did you sign the agreement that said that you
    0.
    would repay this money?
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 5
               No. Kash signed that.
    Α.
 6
               So that's your brother?
    0.
 7
               For U Lock.
    Α.
 8
               It was signed by your brother and you agreed
    0.
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    that would you would repay this money; is that correct?
10
               Our verbal agreement up until that point,
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    that wasn't the case. We were always supposed to be
12
    partners. Unbeknownst to me, on the way -- so the
    closing was a certain time. I believe I was on time for
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14
    the closing, but they were late. They were out getting
15
    the checks. They drove together. John, Christine, and
    my brother Kash drove together. I think Kash or someone
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    called me from the car and said can you come out to the
18
    parking lot? So we have never talked about this
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    agreement you have there prior to this.
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               Christine said, hey, can you do me a favor
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    just -- can you sign something just to protect me until
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    we iron out the details? I wasn't prepared for the
    closing here today. Can you sign something? I said,
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    yes, and Kash signed it.
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    0.
            You agreed to do that?
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1 Α. Yes. And you did sign it, so you agreed to be 2 Q. 3 responsible for the money ultimately; is that correct? Correct. 4 Α. In terms of repaying this money, did you 5 0. 6 have -- what was your understanding about repaying it or 7 were you still in a possible partnership agreement, or 8 do you know what happened? 9 Α. I thought we were still in a partnership 10 agreement. I still continued to meet with them several 11 times a week. Every Wednesday -- sometimes John and I 12 almost daily. We would get together and get lunch or go to the property or I would go see them at their bar. I 13 14 would ask -- you know, they didn't want repaid. 15 a partner. At one time Christine asked if I could repay 16 it. I said I can get the money. I could give you your 17 money back. She replies -- and I said so John wants out 18 of the partnership? She said, no, you should be out of 19 I said, well, if I buy you out or pay the amount, 20 then he would no longer be a partner. She said, well, 21 wait a minute. We might still be partners. Let me talk 22 to John. 23 They went back and forth for almost two 24 That was the first demand. That second letter vears. 25 you put in was in 2017, was the first time they asked

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1 for a payment. So up until then, we were behaving like 2 partners. 3 On the day of closing, where did the money Ο. come from? 4 5 Christine loaned it to me. Α. 6 And she had you sign the agreement? 0. 7 For U Lock. Α. 8 0. Before she did that? Yes. 9 Α. 10 And then you took the money and purchased the Q. 11 property, and you purchased it in U Lock's name; 12 correct? 13 Α. Correct. 14 You actually have deeds, don't you, which 0. 15 transfer this to U Lock; is that correct? 16 Α. Yes. 17 I'm going to show you several documents here. Q. 18 I'm going to show you what's been marked as Defendant's 19 Exhibits C, D, E and F and ask if you can identify what 20 those are? 21 Α. They look like deeds filed March of 2018 for 22 the four different deeds for the property that U Lock 23 purchased. 24 You had not gotten the deeds prior to that

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time; is that correct?

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We had the deeds -- I believe we received the
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    Α.
    deeds at the closing, if my memory is correct. But we
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    didn't record them until later.
               You later recorded the deeds which were at
 4
    0.
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    the closing and that's what you were trying to
 6
    accomplish?
 7
    Α.
               Correct.
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                   MR. ROTH: I'm going to ask that each of
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    these be introduced into evidence, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Any objection?
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                   MR. OTTO: Are they one exhibit?
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                   THE COURT: They are four separate.
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                   MR. ROTH: C, D, E and F.
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                   MR. OTTO: Can you identify because
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    there's dates from four --
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                   THE COURT: You know what, Mr. Otto, if
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    you want to approach, he has them marked up here. That
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    way you will know.
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                   MR. OTTO:
                             Okay.
                                      Thank you, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Sir, will you hand those to
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    me?
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                              I would ask they be
                   MR. ROTH:
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     introduced, Your Honor.
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                   THE COURT: Any objection?
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                   MR. OTTO: No, Your Honor.
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                                There being no objection,
                    THE COURT:
    Defendant's Exhibit C, D, E and F are individually moved
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     into evidence without objection.
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                    Anything further, Mr. Roth?
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 5
    BY MR. ROTH:
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                Do you agree that you still owe this money,
    Q.
 7
    or U Lock, or someone, owes this money to Christine
 8
    Biros?
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    Α.
               Yes, I do.
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                Are you attempting to try and make
11
    arrangements to pay that back?
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                Well, yes. We could at any time that the lis
    Α.
    pendens -- the deed makes it difficult.
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14
                Okay. Are you willing to attempt to get that
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    money together to pay her?
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                Absolutely.
    Α.
17
                Do you have people that want to become
    Q.
18
    involved in your corporation, after this lawsuit is
19
    over, that would give you money to be able to pay her
20
    off?
21
    Α.
                A whole list of people are very interested.
22
                    MR. ROTH: I have no further questions,
23
    Your Honor.
                    THE COURT: Cross-examination at this
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25
    time, Mr. Otto?
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                               Yes, I do, Your Honor.
                    MR. OTTO:
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 3
                         CROSS-EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. OTTO:
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                Mr. Snyder, if I understand your testimony,
 6
     your position that you are a de facto corporation is
 7
    based on your contention that you acted or U Lock acted
 8
     as a corporation even prior to July of 2015; is that
 9
     correct?
                I'm not sure. I just related my involvement
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11
    to my attorney and he mentioned de facto corporation.
12
                He came up with the theory of de facto
    0.
13
    corporation?
14
                Well, he's my counsel.
    Α.
15
                That's what I am asking.
    0.
16
    Α.
                I don't understand the legal -- you know,
17
    exactly everything.
18
                He prepared all of the materials that you
    0.
19
     filed; right?
20
    Α.
                He's my attorney. Any question like that, if
21
     I don't understand it, then I can --
22
                I'm confused. Just yes or no?
    0.
23
    Α.
                Yes, sir.
24
                To your knowledge, did anybody other than
    Q.
25
    Mr. Roth prepare any of the filings?
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1 To my knowledge, I don't know who -- it's him Α. 2 and a paralegal. 3 Just a yes or no? 0. Not to my knowledge. 4 Α. 5 To your knowledge, nobody other than Mr. Roth 0. 6 prepared all of the documentation? 7 Α. Correct. 8 0. Okay. Well, let's talk about any actions that you might have made to conform to that standard of 9 acting as a corporation. All through the pleadings 10 11 those claims have been made, that you did act -- that 12 U Lock did in fact act as a corporation? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Did you have any financial statements? 0. 15 We included in the discovery the rent roles, 16 things like that. 17 That's just rent roles. Did you have 0. 18 financial statements? 19 Α. The bank statements from Citizen's Bank? 20 Those types of statements? 21 0. When was that bank opened? 22 I don't recall the date. Α. 23 I can tell you when it is. I have -- which 0. 24 was provided to me in discovery. I will give you a copy

if you want to look at it, but it says beginning

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1 September 17th, 2015. This is from your discovery. So that's after the closing date; correct? 2 3 The date you said it is, yes. Α. 4 Have you filed tax returns? Has U Lock filed 0. 5 any tax returns? 6 Α. None. 7 0. None? 8 Α. Not that I'm aware of. 9 Q. You have been in operation since 2014 as a de 10 facto corporation? So now, 2019, five years later, you never filed a tax return? 11 12 Α. Correct. 13 You have over 800 shareholders. Have you 0. 14 ever issued stock certificates to any of them? 15 I'm not sure. I believe they do. I'm not Α. 16 sure. 17 You are an officer and director of U Lock. Ο. 18 Wouldn't they get the stock certificates from U Lock? 19 Α. I'm not aware of whether they have them or 20 not. 21 0. Have you mailed them? 22 Α. Personally me? No. 23 Do you know who would have mailed them? Q. 2.4 I don't know if my brother Kash would have. Α. 25 I don't think so though.

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                So if I get him on the stand and ask him the
    0.
 2
     question, he will say that he mailed them?
 3
                That's not what I said. I said I don't think
    Α.
    he did.
 4
 5
                So to the best of your knowledge, no share
    0.
    certificates have been sent out; is that correct?
 6
 7
                Possibly --
    Α.
 8
    0.
                To the best of your --
 9
    Α.
                But that's not --
10
                    THE COURT: One at a time, okay?
11
                    MR. OTTO: I'm sorry. I will slow down.
12
                    THE COURT: Anything further you want to
13
    say to that answer?
14
                    THE WITNESS: No.
15
    BY MR. OTTO:
16
    0.
                Have you sent out tax reports, Form 1099s, to
17
    any of the shareholders?
18
    Α.
                No.
19
    Q.
                Do you have insurance on the property?
20
                No.
    Α.
21
    Q.
                No liability for the --
22
    Α.
                No, we don't.
23
    Q.
                No insurance on a property worth over
2.4
    $300,000?
25
    Α.
                Correct.
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1 One of the things I requested in discovery 0. 2 was copies of bylaws and corporate minutes. 3 response was you couldn't find them. Have you found those? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Do you know that they exist? 0. 7 I believe they exist. They may be in one of Α. 8 my boxes over there. I brought four boxes that I looked 9 through --10 0. If you have --11 Α. -- but I can't find anything. 12 THE COURT: One at a time, please. 13 MR. OTTO: Sorry, Your Honor. 14 BY MR. OTTO: 15 If you had them, you were required to provide Q. 16 If I don't have them, they must not exist? them. 17 I wasn't aware we were going to trial until Α. 18 I worked diligently this weekend to try and Friday. 19 gather as much as I could. 20 But my request for those documents, my first Ο. 21 one was in October of last year, my second one was in 22 February or January of this year. So you certainly had 23 plenty of time. We are in April now. I'm assuming they 2.4 don't exist. Do you disagree with that? 25 I don't necessarily -- you can assume what Α.

- 1 you want to assume. I don't...
- 2 Q. Okay. You made claims that you had a
- 3 | shareholders agreement or some kind of agreement between
- 4 | you and your brother and Mr. Martin. Do you have a copy
- 5 of that in writing?
- 6 A. Did we provide that in discovery?
- 7 O. No.
- 8 A. Hm. I don't have that then either.
- 9 Q. I'm trying to figure out what exactly did you
- 10 do prior to the closing date to justify calling yourself
- 11 | a de facto corporation?
- 12 A. About a year prior to that, we operated that
- 13 way. We signed the sales agreement to that effect.
- 14 Then we signed another sales agreement to that effect.
- 15 And then a few months later, we signed another one to
- 16 that effect.
- 17 Q. What sales agreement?
- 18 A. Sales agreement from the estates to U Lock,
- 19 Inc.
- 20 Q. The agreement that your counsel provided
- 21 earlier?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. All that says is from Eric to Eric Martin as
- 24 Incorporator. That's to an individual.
- 25 A. As incorporator for U Lock, Inc.

1 0. But he was an individual. 2 Α. I think we had several sales agreements I 3 believe that were subsequent ones that we had that were signed under U Lock, Inc. 4 If I recall Mr. Moore, he will say that there 5 6 were at least two maybe three sales agreements? 7 To my recollection I think so, or extensions Α. 8 or something. At some point then, Eric Martin had 9 assigned his rights as director over to my brother, 10 Kash. And Kash signed documents. We did things like no lien letters at the township and tax certifications and 11 12 did a bunch of things leading up to the closing all 13 under U Lock, Inc. 14 So you basically represented to a lot of 15 people that U Lock had been formed, but you said you 16 didn't file anything until the day before the closing. 17 So what did you do prior to that date? 18 Well, like I said earlier, I think six months Α. 19 or a year before that, I thought we applied online at 20 that time for U Lock. 21 0. You think you did? 22 Α. Yeah. 23 Did you do it or somebody else? Q. 24 I think my brother, Kash, did, but I think I Α. 25 was there when he did it.

1 Who is Samantha McKee? 0. Α. Ex-girlfriend of mine that was going to be 2 3 involved in this, and she applied for one previous to the day of the closing I think. 4 5 Do you have a copy of that? 0. 6 I thought we provided it in the discovery. Α. 7 0. No. 8 She applied, I think, online for U Lock for Α. 9 that name also. I will tell you -- I will be happy to show 10 11 them to you, but I will tell you that the only two 12 filings I was able to find online were the fist filing that you had, which was rejected, and the second one 13 14 that was effective in September of 2015. So if you 15 filed something else, it's not of record --16 Α. I know they --17 -- unless your attorney has something? 0. 18 I know they sent something back, but we got Α. 19 it months later. It was after that September date when 20 we got a number approved by the state. Sometime after 21 that, we received something in the mail. It was 22 crinkled up. It was a rejection letter saying something 23 about our previous filing was rejected because the 24 articles of the corporation were fine. But in the 25 docketing statements, there was one blank that asked the

1 nature of the business and we left that blank. They 2 rejected it for that reason. 3 You are saying that they didn't respond to 0. you in a timely manner through the U.S. mail because you 4 5 didn't receive it? 6 What I said is what I said. But what my Α. 7 point was was when we filed that the date before the 8 closing, we were under the assumption everything was 9 okay. We were acting as U Lock, and we had successfully 10 completed it on the computer the day before. 11 turned out not to be the case. 12 You have made several statements that you Q. 13 tried to reach, or you did reach, an agreement with John 14 Biros and Christine Biros for them to become investors. 15 Do you have anything in writing to the effect? 16 That was all verbal for about a year or Α. No. 17 so. 18 You understand if I call them, they are going 0. 19 to disagree that -- or at least Ms. Biros will disagree 20 that she ever agreed to being a shareholder? 21 Α. Yeah. 22 I will be happy to do that, but you understand that's going to happen? 23

I'm aware they are not being truthful in all

of this -- a lot of this paperwork I received.

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Α.

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               We are going to get to truthful in a few
    0.
    minutes, Mr. Snyder. Let's see. You made some claims
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 3
    in some of the pleadings -- first of all, let me ask you
    this.
           There have been a number of filings in this case.
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    There were answers, there were preliminary objections,
    and briefs related to preliminary objections, there were
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 7
    two petitions, and there were discovery requests. Did
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    you provide information to Mr. Roth for that, or how did
 9
    those come to be prepared?
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                I gave Mr. Roth all of the information I had.
11
    We have talked about things that --
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               Did anybody else give him information?
    0.
               Possibly my sister or my brother. Any
13
    Α.
14
     information we had or paperwork we had, I provided him
15
    with boxes of paperwork.
16
               If there's anything that's not accurate in
    0.
17
    those pleadings, is it Mr. Roth who is not telling the
18
    truth, or is it you?
19
    Α.
                I'm not sure exactly what -- I provided him
20
    with information. I made certain statements. He put
21
    things in there, so I don't know what specifically you
22
    are referring to.
23
               Well, in the amended answer to the complaint
24
    of new matter that was filed on your behalf on September
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    21st, it says: To the contrary of said funds -- and
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1 this refers to Ms. Biros, money that she paid -- such funds were paid on behalf of U Lock which said funds 2 3 being a loan to U Lock, Inc. That kind of flies in the face of your statement that you intended it to be an 4 5 investment all along, doesn't it? 6 I think that goes to show their dishonesty. Α. 7 We were supposed to be a partnership the whole time. 8 Now I realize looking back the day of the closing, when 9 everybody was waiting there, Mr. Tumolo, or one of the 10 attorneys, I remember had prior engagements in 11 Pittsburgh or something. They were ready to walk away. 12 They had me run out there and sign this paper real quick. At that point, I guess, looking back it became a 13 14 loan at that point. Everything we discussed for a year, 15 now it's changed to a loan. That's not dishonesty on my 16 part. They changed the game in the middle. 17 You have nothing in writing to demonstrate Q. 18 any agreement on the part of John or Christine that it 19 was an investment? 20 Α. Yes. 21 The only documentation that is out there is 0. 22 that it's a loan? 23 That's correct. That's why I said I realized Α.

it change to a loan that day we signed the paper.

Okay. Now the reason I ask you the question

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about who provided the information is because -- and
    your attorney can back this up if you have any
    questions -- but every pleading that's filed of a
    factual nature is required to be verified by a party who
    has direct knowledge of that. Out of 14 filings by
 5
    U Lock, 12 of them were signed by Mr. Roth.
                                                 So is he
 7
    responsible for anything that's wrong in the pleadings,
    or is that you?
    Α.
               I'm not sure what you mean exactly. I don't
    know who is responsible. I know we filed a whole lot of
    paperwork.
                If I made a mistake in something, I quess
    maybe I would be responsible. If I signed it, I'm
    responsible. If he signed something, he's responsible.
13
    I'm not sure.
               Well, he signed for everything so I don't
    Q.
16
    know whether he's taking responsibility for it or not.
    But let's go on. You agreed -- well, first of all, in
18
    Ms. Biros's complaint, she alleged that you made
    substantial sums of money from the operation of the
    property. In two of your pleadings you agreed that you
    did, in fact, make substantial funds from that. Later
22
    in two of your pleadings, you said that wasn't true.
                                                          So
    did you or didn't you? Was it wrong the first two times
23
    or the second two times?
    Α.
               I would not define the amount of money coming
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     in there substantial, especially in lieu of the fact
    that you had mentioned you charged 18 percent interest
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 3
    or we paid 9 percent interest. Then certainly the
    property doesn't make a substantial amount of money, if
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 5
    that's what you mean. Are you asking me to clarify the
    word substantial?
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 7
                I said that we believe you made substantial
    0.
 8
    money?
                I recall that.
 9
    Α.
10
                The first two answers you admitted that, yes,
    Ο.
11
     indeed you did. Later you said, no, you didn't and in
12
     fact you were loosing money. Well, even if you say
    substantial is undefined, that's different from nothing.
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14
    So the question is which is true in the pleading, the
15
     first one or the second one?
16
    Α.
               Well, I guess it's interpreted by -- I spoke
17
    with Christine about it. She -- one time we were
18
    talking at the bar and she said it was very -- she was
19
    upset that we are making all kinds of money up there,
20
    and she knows we're making money, and she wants money.
21
    So I guess she felt that was substantial. I told her
22
    that -- exactly what we were making, which is in our
23
     responses. At this time, I don't consider that to be
24
     substantial based on the mortgage that will be -- or
25
    what the bank loan will be if we have to pay them back.
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                You say you have got people very interested
    0.
     in advancing money once the lis pendens is gone and this
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 3
     lawsuit is over. Why would anybody advance money to you
    when you have no financial records to show for how the
 4
 5
    property is operated? You don't have financial
 6
     statements, you don't have tax returns?
 7
                There's not a substantial amount of money
    Α.
 8
    coming into the business. The business isn't worth --
    not just the property. The property itself is worth
 9
     several times what we paid for it.
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11
               Do you have an appraisal?
    0.
12
                The there was an appraisal done. I don't
    Α.
    have one to that effect.
13
14
               What was it appraised for?
    0.
15
                I don't recall.
    Α.
16
               I'm sorry. Did you have it appraised --
    0.
17
               No.
    Α.
18
               -- or did somebody else have it appraised?
    0.
19
                I forget. I know Christine Biros and John
    Α.
    Biros were talking to S&T Bank. She said the bank
20
21
     lady -- I think her name was Sue, but I'm not sure --
22
    said she road past the property and said it's worth
    twice that all day long. It wasn't an appraisal.
23
24
    That's where we kind of got that the property was worth
25
    more than $300,000.
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1 If there's a statement in the pleadings --0. 2 Α. Yes. 3 -- and it's not accurate, would you agree 0. that that's a lie? Generally? 4 5 No. It could be a mistake. There was so Α. 6 much paperwork and so many questions answered. I was 7 bombarded with you guys with discovery, then a second 8 discovery. Sometimes I was up late at night doing it, sometimes I'm looking for papers, looking for receipts 9 10 or checks and different things. I honestly put my best 11 foot forward to answer your questions and be truthful 12 with everything. I absolutely didn't lie about anything. I'm human. I may have made a mistake, but 13 14 there was never anything that's a lie. 15 Well, let me read the last statement. This 0. 16 is the verification. By the way, this is one Mr. Roth 17 signed. In a sense he is hanging out there. It says 18 facts contained herein are true and correct to the best 19 knowledge, information or belief. This verification is 20 made subject to the penalties 18 Pa.C.S. 4904 relating 21 to unsworn falsifications to authorities. 22 If you make the same mistake over and over 23 again -- I mean, a typo is a typo. Anybody can make 24 those. But if you make a statement on more than one 25 occasion, which is demonstratively false -- and I'm

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1
    asking a simple yes or no question -- is that a lie?
 2
    Α.
                I don't know what statement you are referring
 3
    t.o.
               Well, I will tell you in a minute.
 4
    0.
 5
    generally speaking, is that a lie?
 6
                I'm not going to say I lied.
    Α.
 7
               Well, I will tell you that in the pleadings,
    0.
 8
     in a number of places, you stated that U Lock paid
     $30,000 when, in fact, we have already established that
 9
10
     even though U Lock, through Mr. Martin, advanced
11
     $30,000, at the end of the day U Lock paid nothing for
12
    this property. Remember that you are under oath to tell
    the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth, do
13
14
    you agree that U Lock paid nothing for this property?
15
               No.
                     I do not agree. U Lock -- well, I guess
16
    U Lock has spent almost equal that on assets, fork
17
     lifts, excavators, and all kinds of things that came
18
    with the property. The property itself, the land
19
     itself, I think in the earlier thing said $30,000. I
20
    think we corrected that later. I let my attorney know
21
    that we had -- Eric Martin had gotten that check back
22
    because there seemed so be confusion on how that went so
23
     I explained exactly how that went to my attorney.
24
    believe that was corrected at some point. It was not a
25
     lie. It was clarified at some point.
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               Let me ask this question again. I appreciate
    0.
    the answer, but it didn't answer my question.
 2
                                                    So let me
 3
    ask the question one more time. For the purchase of
    this property -- I'm not asking about any other things
 4
 5
    you have done -- for the purchase of this property, did
 6
    U Lock pay anything? Yes or no?
 7
               U Lock borrowed the money from Christine
    Α.
 8
    Biros and that's -- she secured the funds to purchase
 9
    the property.
10
                                Sir, with all due respect,
                   THE COURT:
11
     its a yes or no answer.
12
                   THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
13
    BY MR. OTTO:
14
                Did U Lock pay anything for the property?
    0.
15
    Α.
               No.
16
                   MR. OTTO: Thank you. Your Honor, I have
17
    no more questions.
18
                   THE COURT: Any redirect?
19
                   MR. ROTH:
                             Nothing further.
                   THE COURT: Sir, you may stand down and
20
    return back to counsel table.
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22
                   At this time, it's about 20 after 12:00.
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     I think it's appropriate to break for lunch and return
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    at 1:30. We will return back and you can all get lunch.
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    We will resume at that time. Be prepared with your next
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    witness or however you are going to move forward.
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                   MR. ROTH: All right thank you.
 3
                   THE COURT:
                               Thank you.
                (PROCEEDINGS RECESSED -- 12:16 P.M.)
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 5
                (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED -- 1:35 P.M.)
 6
                   THE COURT: Mr. Roth, your next witness?
 7
                   MR. OTTO: Before we start, Your Honor,
 8
    just an administrative matter --
 9
                   THE COURT:
                               Okay. Hold on. We are going
10
    to go back on the record. Go ahead.
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                   MR. OTTO: During the lunch break,
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    Mr. Moore found a couple of documents in his records,
13
    which he shared with Mr. Roth and I. Two of them are
14
    better copies of what you have already had, and I think
15
    with Mr. Roth's agreement, we would like to substitute
16
           The third one, I think Mr. Roth would like to
    them.
17
     introduce -- I have no objection -- this is the
18
    assignment.
19
                   THE COURT: So that's a new one?
20
                   MR. ROTH: Yes.
21
                   MR. OTTO: We discussed and I have no
22
    objection to it, Your Honor.
23
                   THE COURT: So Defendant's Exhibit G will
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    be so moved into evidence without objection. The bet
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    copies of the plaintiff's records will be substituted
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     for those already admitted into evidence at this time.
                    At this time, Mr. Roth, next witness?
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 3
                    MR. ROTH: I call Kash Snyder, please.
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                    THE COURT: Okay. Raise your right hand,
 5
    please.
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 7
    KASH SNYDER, having been
 8
     first duly sworn, was examined
 9
     and testified as follows:
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11
                    THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may get
12
     situated.
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14
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
15
    BY MR. ROTH:
16
                Would you state your name please?
    0.
17
                Kash Snyder.
    Α.
18
                Tell us how to spell Kash?
    0.
19
    Α.
                K-a-s-h.
20
                All right. Your brother is George who
    Q.
21
    testified earlier; is that correct?
22
    Α.
                Correct.
23
                Have you been involved in the transactions
    0.
     involving this piece of property the whole time this is
24
25
    has been going on?
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1 Α. I have. We heard testimony earlier that there's been 2 0. 3 no tax returns filed. Can you tell us about that and why that's the case? 4 5 The reason is because -- well, collectively 6 seeing an accountant on the matter, he felt that we 7 should not do it because there's no profit. There are 8 losses and it would be complicated at this point, but in 9 the following year, the next year coming up, that we 10 should. 11 You haven't filed any tax returns yet and 0. 12 you're saying because there's been no profit yet to be 13 reported for tax purposes? 14 That's correct. Α. 15 Were you at the closing for this matter? 0. 16 I was. Α. 17 And Ms. Biros was at the closing? 0. 18 That's correct. We drove together. Α. 19 You went in together? Q. 20 Α. Correct. 21 Were all of you getting along well at that 0. 22 time? 23 Yes. We are like long friends. Α. 24 Was it a shock to you when they came out with Q. 25 this document they wanted your brother to sign saying

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    that he owed her the money?
                It was news to me, or -- say it again. I'm
 2
    Α.
 3
    sorry.
 4
               Was it a shock to you or unusual?
    0.
 5
               Yes. Sorry. I was confusing the day of the
    Α.
 6
    closing to this -- yeah, it was.
 7
                   MR. ROTH: That's all the questions I
 8
    have, Judge.
 9
                   THE COURT: Cross-examination?
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11
                         CROSS-EXAMINATION
12
    BY MR. OTTO:
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    0.
               Mr. Snyder, who is the accountant you got
    this advice from?
14
15
               A gentleman in White Oak named Marino. Calls
16
    himself little Trump.
17
                In light of the fact that federal tax laws
    Q.
18
    require every existing entity to file tax returns,
19
    profit or no profit, doesn't this advice seem a little
    strange to you?
20
21
    Α.
                It didn't seem to me, but I'm advised to move
    forward and do them so.
22
23
               Did you get Mr. Marino's opinion in writing
    0.
24
    that you didn't have to file or shouldn't have to file?
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    Α.
               No.
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1 Who -- this is the document that you signed? 0. 2 Α. That's correct. 3 Is that your handwriting? 0. 4 It's my handwriting. Yes. Α. 5 So you wrote this out? 0. I took it -- I dictated -- I'm sorry. I took 6 Α. 7 it from dictation. It was the three of us, John, 8 Christine and I in her vehicle. They handed me paper, 9 dictated, and I wrote it and I signed it. So it's not your language? 10 0. 11 Α. Correct. 12 Who dictated it? 0. 13 I can't recall. I would think it's mostly Α. 14 John, but it was probably -- it may have been the both 15 of them. But I can't be sure. 16 0. Was George in the car at the time? 17 He drove separately. Α. 18 At the time you signed this, was he in the 0. 19 car with you? 20 Α. No. 21 0. He wasn't? 22 Α. Correct. 23 Did you sit in the front seat or back seat? Q. 2.4 Α. Back seat. Back passenger side. 25 Did you go to law school? 0.

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1 Α. I did. Did you graduate? 2 Q. 3 I did. Α. Did you take the bar exam? 4 0. 5 No. I did not go to get a juris doctorate. Α. 6 I have a masters degree in corporate law. 7 Where did you get that? 0. 8 Α. University of Pittsburgh School of Law. 9 Q. A masters degree in law, but you don't have a juris doctor? 10 11 Α. That's correct. 12 So you can't take the bar exam? 0. 13 That's correct. Α. 14 But you have a legal background of sorts? Q. 15 It would be a matter of opinion, but I did 16 graduate from law school. 17 So you understand the impact of writing out a 0. 18 document that says U Lock will repay this? 19 Α. I absolutely do. 20 You can't step back and say, well, I didn't Q. 21 really mean what I said? 22 I never tried to do that. No. Α. 23 0. Let me ask some of the same questions I asked 24 your brother. You haven't filed tax returns. What's 25 your position within the corporation? Are you

1 secretary? No, I'm listed as an officer. 2 Α. 3 Okay. Just officer or does it -- every Ο. corporation is required to have a president, secretary 4 5 and treasurer. Are you one of those? 6 I am not. Α. 7 Who are the secretary, treasurer and 0. 8 president? 9 Α. I don't know that we have that established. 10 Typically when I sign on something, I sign director. You have been in that existence since 11 0. 12 September of 2015? 13 A little earlier. Α. 14 You contend earlier, but that means no later 0. 15 than -- you still don't have a president, secretary or 16 treasurer? 17 Admittedly it's a little unsophisticated. Α. 18 Well, it's not just unsophisticated. You are 0. 19 violating Pennsylvania corporation law; right? 20 Α. I don't --21 0. I mean, you have a law background? I do. But I can't -- I don't know -- it's 22 Α. been 2013 since I graduated and it's use it or lose it. 23 2.4 I don't do too much legally. 25 Would you say you're in compliance with the Q.

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     that anything was complete.
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    Mr. Roth with the pleadings and the documents that have
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                To my knowledge, no. I know his paralegal
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     and George and my sister have been helpful.
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                What involvement did your sister have in all
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                Just like you said helping with the
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    documents.
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    Q.
                But she's not a shareholder, director,
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                Is she like a friend of the court?
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                No. She's a loved one, I guess, you know.
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                What's her background?
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                Nothing. Nothing legal if that's what you're
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    asking.
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                    MR. OTTO: Your Honor, I have no more
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    questions.
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                    THE COURT: Any redirect?
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                    MR. ROTH: No redirect.
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                    THE COURT: Sir, you may stand down.
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                    Any further witnesses?
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                    MR. ROTH: No further witnesses, Your
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    Honor.
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                    THE COURT: Do you rest?
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                    MR. ROTH:
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                    THE COURT: Your case is still open. Do
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    you rest or do you have any rebuttal?
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                    MR. OTTO: I have one rebuttal witness.
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                    THE COURT: Sure.
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                    MR. OTTO: Christine Biros.
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             You may take the witness stand.
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1	THE WITNESS: Thank you.				
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3	REDIRECT EXAMINATION				
4	BY MR. OTTO:				
5	Q. Mr. Snyder, George Snyder, testified that he				
6	had multiple discussions with you concerning the issue				
7	of you becoming a shareholder. Was that ever anything				
8	you considered?				
9	A. Never.				
10	Q. Would you be a shareholder?				
11	A. No.				
12	Q. Do you consider the money that you paid as an				
13	investment of any sort for you or your brother John?				
14	A. No.				
15	MR. OTTO: Thank you. No further				
16	questions.				
17	MR. ROTH: No questions.				
18	THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am, you may				
19	stand down.				
20	Do you rest at this time?				
21	MR. OTTO: I rest, Your Honor. Thank				
22	you.				
23	THE COURT: Mr. Roth, would you like to				
24	make a closing argument?				
25	MR. ROTH: Yes, I would.				

Even if it's correct that the corporation was not in place at the time of the initial deeds, which is some of what they are complaining about, it doesn't fall automatically that they would somehow receive the property. If anything, they should be able to sue in law to rescind their loan contract and get their money back.

An action, the quiet title, is not the appropriate remedy because there's all kinds of remedies in law. There's promissory note, counta meruit, there's money had and received, and there's other common law actions available to them. The quiet title action goes far beyond any of those.

\$20,000 and you went out and bought a car, I can't make a claim for your car. I can make a claim for my \$20,000 back. That's what this case is about. She lent the money. They used the money to buy something, and now she is saying I deserve to have that because I gave them the money to buy it. She wasn't involved in the process. She did not have an ownership interest in it. She didn't get anything at the closing. She got nothing at all. So she never had an ownership interest in the property. Therefore, now, she shouldn't be able to say I should have this property because I gave them money

1 that enabled them to buy it. With regard to the corporation -- and I 2 3 don't think it really matters whether the corporation was formed immediately or not because I believe you do 4 5 have a de facto corporation here because they filed 6 papers believing that they were incorporated, and then 7 they acted upon the corporation, and they ultimately 8 concluded the corporation and there is a corporation. 9 Therefore, I believe that if you -- whether or not this 10 corporation was formed or not, it's still a loan. 11 it's a loan, they can do what they choose with the money 12 and she can now try and collect on that loan and I 13 believe that's the lawsuit she should have filed here. 14 THE COURT: Okav. Thank you. 15 Mr. Otto, you get the final word. 16 MR. OTTO: Thank you. 17 Your Honor, as I said at the beginning of 18 this trial, it's really a simple situation made more 19 confusing by the actions of Defendant U Lock. 20 stated, Christine Biros paid for the property in full. 21 U Lock paid nothing, even though they advanced funds, 22 they got all of it back. They still have paid nothing. 23 In fact, they have even refused to acknowledge in 24 writing that they have an obligation to repay. 25 At the time of the closing, U Lock didn't

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So the Pennsylvania law provides that the deeds exist. are void ab initio. I have a memorandum of law that I will provide to you, Your Honor, to explain that further. But our claim against the estate has always been for the property. It has never been for any monetary damages. Our position and the reason we proceeded the way we did is very simple. We believed that we have an equitable claim for the title to the property. Because legal title to the real estate was never properly transferred, which under Pennsylvania law meant that the estates retained legal title. Because my client paid for the property, it's my view that she had legal title -- equitable title to the property. what we are asking for, to circle the loop and provide legal title. U Lock has had four years plus to get money or to agree to loan terms and refused. Never paid anything. They claim there's no money to be made. haven't made any effort to file their taxes, so if they can't file their taxes and they are not afraid of Internal Revenue Services, they are certainly not afraid of us. They now -- Mr. Roth suggested that they were ready to obtain financing if the lis pendens got

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They have maintained that all of the time. dropped. But the fact of the matter is, it would not be difficult to set up a situation with a lender to simply say put money in escrow. When the money is in escrow and ready to be delivered subject to us releasing the lis pendens, we would have done that. We have made that offer on numerous occasions to Mr. Roth. He is aware of that. Ms. Biros never had any intention or desire to be an investor. This was always an advancement of funds. Without financial tax returns and so forth, they are never going to get a commercial lender to deliver financing on this. So the situation right now is that money isn't available. The only thing that's available is the property. Defendants would ask us to start over and file a claim for money damages, but money is not there. So even if we had a judgment, we would wind up trying to foreclose or taking a judgment against the property, which is where we are right now. So if for no other reason than conservation of this Court's time, I think Mr. Roth's argument should be dismissed. What we ask for from the Court, I have a proposed order of court that the Court can use. Ultimately what we would like to have is have the property -- if you rule in our favor, have the property

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transferred immediately. If the verdict is in our favor, we tend to ask for an appeal bond if there is an appeal made. But it's our desire to get the property transferred as soon as possible so we can get it cleaned up. THE COURT: That's the proposed order? The proposed, yes. MR. OTTO: THE COURT: At this time, what I would like to have is, within the next 20 days, your conclusions of law and findings of fact. If you can prepare those for me in a proposed order of court -now, I'm getting that from Mr. Otto right now. He is giving me a memorandum on the lis pendens. MR. OTTO: This is on the de facto corporation issue. THE COURT: Understood. If you would like to do findings of fact and conclusions of law within 20 days proposed order for the outcome, what I will do is take those under consideration as well as testimony here given on the transcript and I have the rest of the file pulled. There's four portions to it. I will take all of that under consideration, and we will then expediently try to get to an opinion and order of court for the outcome. have 30 days thereafter because it will be a final order

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                   Mr. Moore and Mr. DelCotto -- the other
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    the $10,000 transfer as soon as possible.
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                   Mr. Otto, as directed previously, that
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    will be paid directly to the back taxes at the county
    tax office.
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                   MR. OTTO: Yes, sir.
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                   THE COURT: Anything further that anyone
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    wants to put on the record.
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     (NO RESPONSE.)
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                   THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. At this
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    time, we are adjourned.
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                   MR. OTTO:
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                   MR. ROTH:
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                (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED -- 1:59 P.M.)
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